

c. Amend Claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) An aqueous glittering ink composition as set forth in claim 1, further containing an opacifying pigment.

d. Add new Claims 22 through 35, as follows:

-- 22. A writing tool having an ink container in which an aqueous glittering ink composition is packed, wherein said aqueous glittering ink composition comprises a glass flake pigment coated with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent and water.

23. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein said glass flake pigment coated with a metal is contained in about 0.01 to about 40% by weight, relative to the total amount of the ink composition.

24. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein the viscosity of ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 rpm.

25. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein said aqueous glittering ink composition further comprises a binder component.

26. A writing tool as set forth in claim 25, containing a synthetic resin emulsion which is about 0.01 to about 40% by weight in solids relative to the total amount of the ink composition as the binder component.

27. A writing tool as set forth in claim 25, wherein the synthetic resin emulsion has an anionic property or a nonionic property and its minimum film forming temperature is not higher than 20°C.

28. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein said aqueous glittering ink composition further comprises a colorant in about 0.01 to about 30% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.
29. A writing tool having an ink container that is made of a hollow tube equipped with a ball-point pen tip at one end, wherein an ink container in which an aqueous glittering ink composition is packed, and said aqueous glittering ink composition comprises a glass flake pigment coated with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and contained in about 1.0 to about 40% by weight, a water-soluble resin contained in about 0.01 to about 40% by weight and a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.00 to about 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.
30. A writing tool as set forth in claim 29, wherein said water-soluble resin is a water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 rpm.
31. A writing tool as set forth in claim 30, wherein said water-soluble thickening resin is a microbial polysaccharide or a derivative thereof selected from pullulan, xanthan gum, welan gum, rhamsan gum, succinoglucan and dextran.
32. A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising: providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises a glass flake pigment coated with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent and water.